GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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KANISHKA TRIAL
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kanishka trial for mid air bomb blasting of Vancouver-New Delhi, Air India flight 182 on June 23, 1985, will begin in British Columbia in March, 2003;

(b) if so, whether three Canadians of Indian origin are the prime suspects; and

(c) if so, the diplomatic channels being used by the Government to ensure the conviction of the culprits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) The case is now sub-judice and, therefore, completely within the purview of the Canadian judicial system. The High Commission of India is in touch with the concerned Canadian agencies, in order to ensure that all relevant information required by these agencies from the Government of India is provided expeditiously.